

## NICD gets unprecedented number of inquiries about hearing loss

More people wrote, called, and walked into Gallaudet's National Information Center on Deafness (NICD) with questions about hearing loss last year than ever before.

From Oct. 1, 1988, through Sept. 30, 1989, NICD answered 10,176 requests for information. This is two and one half times greater than the 4,000 requests for information that NICD received in 1984 and 32 percent more than it received in 1987-88, said Loraine DiPietro, director of NICD.

This year, 26 percent of the requests came from hard of hearing older adults who read about NICD in an article by former Sen. Charles Percy (R-Ill.) in *Modern Maturity* magazine and an announcement in the American Association of Retired Persons newsletter, said DiPietro.

"Many of our requests came from people who have seen many audiologists in their lives and still don't understand their hearing loss," said DiPietro. "It's very, very hard for them. That's why I spend time writing individual letters as much as I can."

Other requests ranged from general information on deafness to the cost of educating a deaf child. Doctors asked about research, and health care personnel asked for training programs on working with deaf people. Parents inquired about programs for their deaf children, while deaf people and their friends and relatives asked for information on programs to help deaf adults obtain job skills or where deaf alcoholics can get help.

In 1986, 26 percent of the requests came by phone and 63 percent came by mail. The number of phone requests

rose to 51 percent in 1988-89, requiring staff members to spend a lot more time answering phone calls than in the past.

In addition to its increased phone inquiries, 44 percent of the inquiries came by mail, and 5 percent came from people who simply walked into the center and asked for information.

Many of the questions NICD staff received required that they read materials for new information, update their database and resource files, and call sources for additional information.

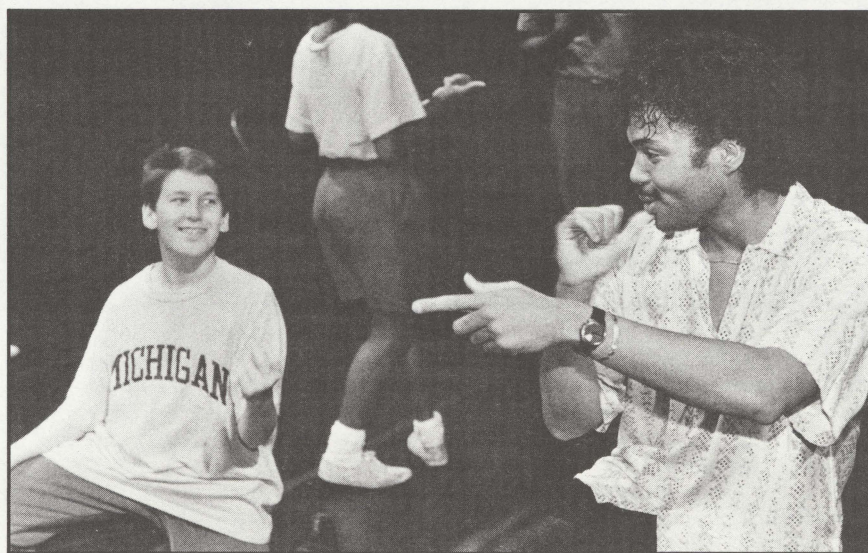
NICD's five-member staff answered 31 percent of the inquiries while they increased their information collection by 20 percent. Student workers responded to 30 percent of the inquiries, and volunteers responded to 38.5 percent.

## Reception set at KDES Thursday for D.C. opening of national art tour

Gallaudet's Kendall Gallery will be the only Washington stop on a national tour of original works by acclaimed author/illustrator David Macaulay.

A Feb. 15 grand opening reception for the show, which features 36 of Macaulay's works, has been set at the gallery from 2 to 8 p.m. and all of the Gallaudet community is invited. The show will run through Feb. 22, with weekday hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

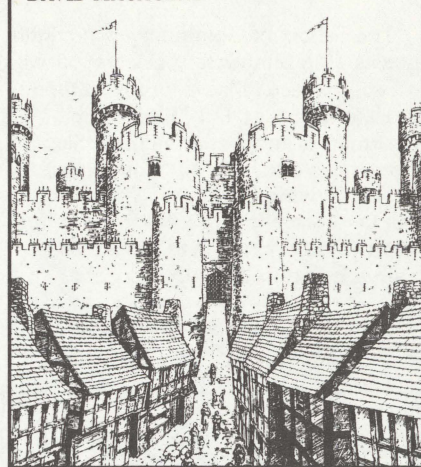
"This is an extremely important exhibition," said KDES art instructor Phil Bogdan. "We were very fortunate to get hold of it."



Cabaret choreographer Fred Beam (right) rehearses a scene from MSSD's 1990 cabaret production, "Kaleidoscope Street," with junior Alex Jones. The show will be performed this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the MSSD auditorium. Tickets are \$3 and \$4. Call x5466.

## CASTLE

DAVID MACAULAY



Original prints like the one above by author/illustrator David Macaulay (below) will be exhibited Feb. 15 through 22 at Kendall Gallery. The campus is invited to a reception this Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m.



Alumni Relations employees Mike Kaika and Mary Anne Pugin have recently been promoted to new positions. Kaika is now director of Alumni Relations and Pugin is executive director of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association.

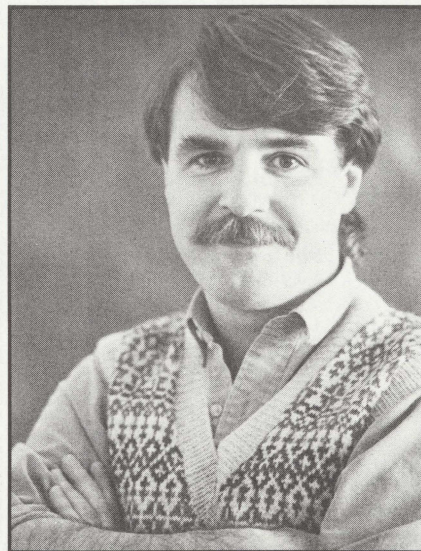
"Macaulay's works are fascinating—he's really a genius, and there's not anyone who will come to this exhibit and not learn something," Bogdan added.

Macaulay's experience as a student in architecture at the Rhode Island School of Design is evident in both the themes and the illustrations of his books. Most of his books follow a "how things work" concept. *Pyramid*, for example, shows step by step how ancient civilizations built the mighty shrines to their gods and leaders. *Castle* and *Cathedral* take basically the same approach, showing blueprint-type renderings depicting the skill and painstaking procedures used in constructing these immense structures.

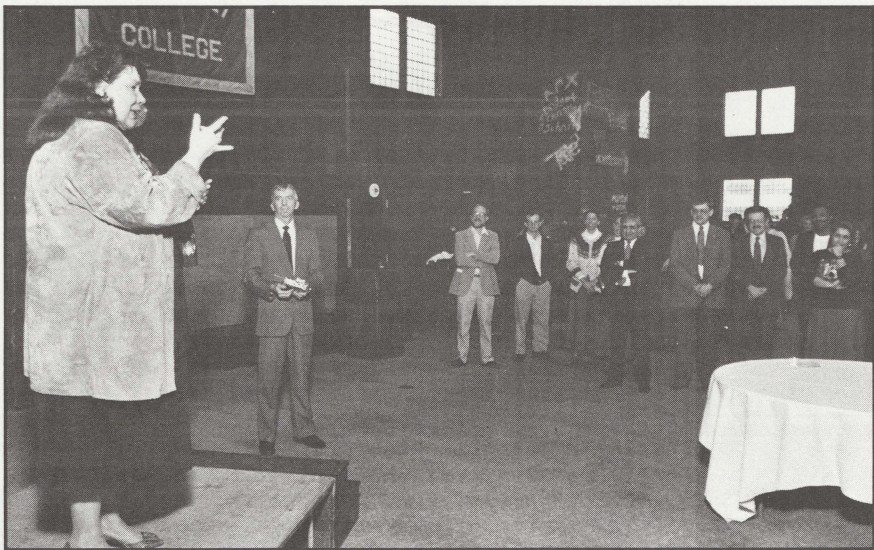
Books such as *Underground* show the intricate mechanisms below urban city streets that make a metropolis run. *City*, which details the planning of an ancient Roman city, was called "a remarkable volume . . . one of the most imaginative and informative books of the year," by Gene Shalit of "The Today Show."

*Time* magazine has said of Macaulay that "what he draws . . . he draws better than any other pen-and-ink illustrator in the world." The *New York Times* awarded Macaulay six Best Books of the Year Awards, and he has received top honors from *The Boston Globe*, the *School Library Journal*, and the New York Academy of Sciences.

Bogdan encourages the campus community and their families to come to the opening reception and enjoy "great refreshments and see a fantastic show. People are going to be overwhelmed by what they see."







Dr. Marin Allen, chairwoman of the Department of Television, Film, and Photography for eight years, is honored at a Feb. 2 farewell reception. Allen has accepted a position with the new Institute on Deafness at the National Institutes of Health as chief, Program Planning and Health Reporting.

## Announcements

The Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind (MWADB) is hosting its first Mardi Gras Ball on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 8 p.m.-midnight in "Ole Jim." The party is to raise funds to charter a bus to carry MWADB members to the American Association of the Deaf-Blind convention in Williamsburg, Va., on June 16-22. Admission to the ball is \$8 in advance (by Feb. 17) or \$12 after Feb. 17 and at the door. The event includes cash bar, snacks, desserts, and punch. Costumes are not required, but MWADB will award prizes for the funniest and most original costumes or masks. For information or tickets, contact Steve Frank in Merrill Learning Center, x5215 or x5216.

The School of Communication continues its 10th anniversary celebration with a Feb. 16 faculty/staff forum featuring a presentation by Dr. Mike Kemp, chairman of the Department of Sign Communication, entitled "Communication Across Signing Cultures." The event will take place in EMG Room 113 from noon to 1:30 p.m., and attendees are welcome to bring their lunches.

The recently formed Washington Metro chapter of the American School for the

Deaf alumni will meet on Sunday, Feb. 25, at KDES to approve bylaws, elect officers, and set up goals for the year. For more information call Chairwoman Jane Golightly between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at (301) 596-5555, or at (202) 463-9451/9488 after 7 p.m.

## Abandoned cars will be removed

The following vehicles have been relocated to the "F" lot storage area by Gallaudet's Department of Safety and Security (DOSS). If they are not claimed by this Friday, Feb. 16, DOSS will turn them over to the D.C. police:

- 1965 Chevy Van, red, 313-850 MD
- 1980 Chevy Citation, blue, Gallaudet decal W2472.
- 1971 Dodge, green
- 1978 Oldsmobile, blue, T-0035148 MD
- Chevy, blue, 883-PCI CA
- 1970 Volkswagen Beetle, white, license MIF-320 IA, decal W2563
- 1975 Volkswagen Rabbit, brown, license 2NTT186 CA, decal 2594E
- 1980 Chevy Citation, blue, decal W2432
- 1977 Lincoln, gray, T-0036346 MD
- 1975 Datsun B210, red, UD0474 OK
- 1970 Volkswagen Beetle, dark blue, EMT 39U FL
- 1977 Chevy, green, decal Temp. 702

## You and Your Job

Beginning this week, *On the Green* will have a new monthly column, "You and Your Job," written by staff in the Personnel Office. Articles will focus on a variety of topics related to employment at Gallaudet, including policies, procedures, benefits, laws and regulations, and general information. If you have suggestions for topics, send a note to the Personnel Office or send an E-Mail message to DLSULLIVAN.

### Temporary continuation of health benefits coverage

The Federal Employees Health Benefits Amendment Act went into effect on Jan. 1, 1990. This public law applies to employees who are covered under federally sponsored health benefits programs. It provides for temporary continuation of health benefits coverage for:

- certain employees who separate from service;
- children of employees and annuitants who lose their status as family members and can no longer be covered; and
- certain former spouses of employees and annuitants who would not otherwise be eligible for continued health insurance coverage.

If you leave Gallaudet for reasons other than retirement, your health insurance will terminate 31 days following the end of the pay period in which you separate. Under provisions in the act, however, you will be able to select one of two options for continuing your health insurance:

- You may elect to convert your insurance to a non-group contract. The non-group plan may not be identical to the one you had with Gallaudet. Information regarding rates and coverage may be obtained from the carrier. To convert to the non-group plan, you must enroll within 31 days from the date of your separation.
- You may elect to continue your health benefits coverage for up to 18 months after separation instead of converting to the non-group contract. You may stay in the plan you currently have or enroll in another if eligible. To continue your coverage, you must pay the full amount of the premium (both the employee share and Gallaudet's share) plus a two percent administrative charge. If you continue your coverage

through the 18 months, you will be given 31 days at the end to convert to the non-group contract.

If you have a child or former spouse who was covered under your health plan but who is no longer eligible, most often because of the child's age or because of divorce, you may apply for the continuation of benefits as long as you notify the Personnel Office within 60 days of the change. Again, the covered individual must pay the full cost of the coverage plus the two percent administrative charge. Children and former spouses are eligible for a temporary continuation of coverage for a maximum of 36 months.

If you need additional information, contact the Benefits Office, x5111.

## Classified Ads

**CLASSIFIED ADS** are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. The deadline for submitting advertisements is Friday, 10 days before the desired publication. Ads received by Friday, Feb. 16, will appear in the Feb. 26 issue.

**FREE:** Office furniture, 2 wood-top and 1 metal desk, 1 metal bookcase, 1 bulletin board, 4 reception-area chairs. Call Venita, x5018.

**FOR SALE:** Silver-blue fox jacket, large, 1 yr. old, worn twice, paid \$1,000, sell for \$600/BO certified check or cash only. Call x5560, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** 55-gal. aquarium w/deluxe hood and light, rectangular, 4 ft. wide, like new, \$125. Call Rosemary, x5115.

**FOR SALE:** G.E. microwave, \$100; new Kenmore W/D, \$400/pair; JFK rocking chair, \$135; 5 Scan shelves, various sizes, \$50/each; 1-yr.-old Whirlpool stacked W/D, \$400; all exc. cond. Call x4331 (TDD), or (301) 604-5846 (TDD) eves.

**FOR SALE:** Kenmore heavy duty washer, 6 cycles, 5 temp., 3-4 yrs. old, exc. cond., \$150/BO; Whirlpool dryer, 5 cycles, 3 temp., \$50. Call Debra, x5575.

**FOR SALE:** Black Labrador/rottweiler 9-mo.-old male puppy, has all shots, \$75/BO; doorbell/telephone transmitter, 1- and 2-way receivers (door/phone/baby cr-ier), top cond., \$200/BO. Call Nancy Reedy, 566-9242 (TDD) days, or 540-4507 (V/TDD) eves.

**FOR RENT:** 1-BR apt. in Greenbelt, MD, pool, tennis courts, \$610 inc. utils. Call 345-5876 (TDD).

**FOR SALE:** Golden Retriever puppies, AKC, have had shots and been wormed, ready to go 1st week of March. Call Ruth, x3447 (TDD), or 322-5945 (TDD) eves.

**WANTED:** 2 nonsmokers to share 3-BR house in Lanham, Md.; convenient to New Carrollton Metro, interstates 495 and 95; best to have car for convenience; avail. immediately; \$275-\$300/mo. Call Alex, x8-5824 to leave name and number, or 459-4543 (TDD) M-F at 9 p.m., anytime weekends.

**FOR SALE:** Stoneware dishes w/green abstract pattern, 9 dinner plates, 11 bread plates, 11 cups, 12 saucers, 1 creamer, microwaveable, \$25/BO. Call Lynne, x5671.

## Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x 5359 (TDD).  
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DIAGNOSTICIAN: MSSD  
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Malcolm Grossinger (right), assistant director of Alumni Giving in the Development Office, meets with area Rotary Club officials Jan. 30 at Rotary Day, held here each year to show appreciation for the club's 18-year-old scholarship fund, which stands at \$124,000 and helps support 6-10 students annually.

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